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In the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A self-authenticating an identification document comprising:  
first printed matter rendered at a first location on said document and at a first scale  
enabling said first printed matter to be resolved by a viewing person without magnification, said  
first printed matter conveying identifying information;

second printed matter comprising information that communicates the same identifying  
information as said first printed matter, the second printed matter rendered at a second  
microscale and at a second confidential location on said document and in a second color, said  
second microscale being significantly smaller than said first scale, said second confidential  
location being spaced from said first location and being selected and arranged to be a location  
that is not generally known, and said second color being selected to effect minimal contrast  
between said second printed matter in said second location and its immediate background;

wherein the combination of said minimal contrast, said second confidential location, and  
said second microscale is constructed and arranged to substantially hide the existence and  
location of said second printed matter from the naked eye and prevent said second printed matter  
from being substantially detected or resolved unless a the viewing party knows the second  
confidential location and views said second printed matter ~~is viewed~~ using a magnification lens;  
and

wherein a comparison of the second printed matter to the first printed matter is capable of  
determining the authenticity of the identification document.

2. Cancelled

3. (Previously entered) The identification document of Claim 1 wherein said second printed  
matter consists of text rendered in a single color, said color being selected to effect minimal  
contrast between said second printed matter in said second confidential location and its  
immediate background.

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4. (Previously Entered) The identification document of Claim 1 wherein said second printed matter consists of relatively dark toned text printed on a background color which is lighter toned than said text, said light tone and said darker tone constituting a tone difference, said tone difference being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second printed matter in said second confidential location and its immediate background.
5. (Currently amended) The identification document of Claim 1 wherein said second printed matter consists of relatively light toned text printed on a background color which is darker toned than said text, said light tone and said darker tone constituting a tone difference, said tone difference being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second printed matter in said second confidential location and its immediate background.
6. (Previously entered) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said identification document identifies a particular person and said identifying information comprises at least one of information specific to the identified person and information specific to the identification card.
7. Cancelled
8. (Original) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said first and second printed matter comprise alphanumeric characters.
9. (Original) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said first and second printed matter comprises at least two digits of the year of birth of a person identified in the document.
10. (Original) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said second printed matter is a graphical reproduction of said first printed matter.
11. Cancelled.
12. Cancelled.

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13. (Currently amended) The identification document of Claim 1-11 wherein ~~said means for hiding said second printed matter comprises printing~~ said second printed matter is printed within a graphical image having sufficient complexity to camouflage said second printed matter from the naked eye .
14. Cancelled.
15. Cancelled
16. Cancelled.
17. Cancelled
18. (Currently amended) The identification document of claim 1-11 wherein said first printed matter communicates said second printed matter in an encrypted form.
19. (Currently amended) The identification document of claim 1-11 wherein said first and second printed matter comprise identifying information that is determined most likely to be altered.
20. Cancelled.
21. (Currently amended) A method of printing a self-authenticating document containing identifying information for a particular person comprising:  
providing a base card;  
printing first information which is specific to the particular person identified on said base card at a first location and at a first scale enabling said printed information to be perceived without magnification; and

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printing second information at a second micro scale and at a predetermined secret second location on said document, and in a second color, said second information comprising information capable of communicating the same identifying information as said first information, said second micro scale being significantly smaller than said first scale, said second location being spaced from said first location, and said second color being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second information in said second location and its immediate background, the combination of said predetermined secret second location, minimal contrast and said second microscale substantially hiding said second information from the naked eye and preventing said second information from being clearly perceived unless said the second information is viewed using a magnifying lens by a party with knowledge of the predetermined secret second location; wherein a comparison of the second printed matter to the first printed matter is capable of determining the authenticity of the identification document.

22. Cancelled

23. (Previously entered) The method of Claim 21 wherein said step of printing said second information at said predetermined secret second location consists of printing said second information in a single color, said color being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second information - in said second location and its immediate background.

24. (Previously entered) the method of claim 21 wherein said step of printing said second information at said second predetermined secret location consists of printing said second information in a relatively dark toned color on a lighter toned background, said light tone and said darker tone constituting a tone difference, said tone difference being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second information in said second predetermined secret location and its immediate background.

25. (Previously entered) The method of claim 21 wherein said step of printing said second information at said second predetermined secret location consists of printing said second information in a relatively light toned color on a darker toned background, said light tone and

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said darker tone constituting a tone difference, said tone difference being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second information in said second predetermined secret location and its immediate background.

26. (Previously entered) The method of claim 21 wherein said step of printing said second information at said second predetermined secret location comprises graphically reproducing said first information.